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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In August 2003, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **four (4) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 4 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ MagicCabin is recalling Toy Trucks.
- ❖ HearthSong is recalling "Happyvillagers" Toy Sets.
- ❖ Small World Toys is recalling Children's Puzzle. #03-171
- ❖ CDX Trading Inc. is recalling Toy Jets. #03-172

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: Magic Cabin, of Viroqua, Wis., HearthSong, of Madison, Va is voluntarily recalling about 220 Big Boy Trucks (Dump Truck & Tow Truck). The Big Boy Trucks are made of oak, maple, or walnut wood with a natural oil finish. The trucks are about 9 to 12 inches high. Magic Cabin sold the toy trucks through their catalog and Web site from September 2002 through March 18, 2003 for about \$16. They were made in the U.S.A.

Problem: Small parts can break off of the toy trucks posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take the toys away from young children immediately and return to Magic Cabin for a refund, including the cost of postage. Send the toy trucks to Magic Cabin, Attn: Returns, 3700 Wyse Road, Dayton, OH 45414-2541. Call toll-free at (888) 623-6557 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03549.html>

Release Number: HearthSong, of Madison, Va. Is voluntarily recalling about 3,250 sets (12 villagers per set) of the Happyvillagers Toy Sets. The Happyvillagers are made with birchwood and painted with various villager images. The sets were sold separately with 12 villagers per set and as a part of the Happyville Special set that included a set of 35 Happyville Blocks. Only the Happyvillagers are included in the recall.

HearthSong sold the toy trucks through their catalog and Web site from Sept. 30, 2002 through March 11, 2003 for about \$15. The sets were made in China.

Problem: The head can detach from the body of the villagers, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take the Happyvillagers away from young children immediately and return to HearthSong for a full refund including the cost of postage. Send the Happyvillagers to HearthSong, Attn: Returns, 3700 Wyse Road, Dayton, OH 45414-2541. Call toll-free at (888) 623-6557 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03550.html>

Release Number: 03-171 Small World Toys®, of Culver City, Calif. Is voluntarily recalling about 3,000 Puzzibilities Recycling Truck Puzzles. The recalled Recycling Truck Puzzle has nine wooden pieces that form a green recycling truck, three workers, a container for plastics, a bundled set of newspapers, and a recycling bin. The top of the puzzle reads, "Recycling Truck," and "2574" and "2003 Small World Toys®" are printed at the bottom. Small toy stores nationwide sold the puzzles between February 2003 and August 2003 for about \$10. The puzzles were made in China.

Problem: One of the puzzle pieces (a stack of newspapers) poses a small parts choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should stop young children from playing with these puzzles immediately and return the puzzle to the store where it was purchased for a refund. Contact Small World at (800) 421-4153 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or

visit the firm's Web site at
www.smallworldtoys.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03171.html>

Release Number: 03-172 C.D.X. Trading Inc., of Ridgewood, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 1,500 Falcon Action Toy Jets. The recalled toys are battery-operated, multi-colored toy jet airplanes measuring about 9 inches in length and width. A clear plastic cover over the cockpit exposes a pilot with his hand on the controls. A label on the jet's wings reads "FALON" (Falcon misspelled). The toy jet plays music and some of the lights flash off and on as the jet propels itself by two small front wheels. "C.D.X. Toys CDL-22338D" and "Made in China" are embossed on a label on the battery compartment lid. Variety and gift stores, flea markets and street-sale vendors sold the toy jets in the New York and New Jersey region from November 2002 through December 2002 for between \$5 and \$7.

Problem: Small parts of the toy jet can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Return the toy jets to the place of purchase for a full refund or purchasers from street-sale or flea markets can mail the toy to: C.D.X. Trading Inc. at 1576-78 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385-2728 to receive a refund including postage. Contact: C.D.X. Trading Inc. at (718) 821-1600 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03172.html>

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